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report concerning  
Soviet Army activities in the Sperenberg area between 2 and 7 February  
1957. The report gives the following information:

1. Arrival of four amphibious tracked vehicles by rail from Rosslau on 2 February 1957.
2. Rail shipments with Soviet equipment passing through Sperenberg on 5 and 6 February 1957.
3. An inspection of troops followed by an exercise on the Schumkesee on 3 February.
4. An apparent military exercise on the former German Engineer Park on 6 February, involving trucks with collapsible rod aerials. The appearance, apparently, of the same vehicles at Kummersdorf on 8 February, going through Neuhoof to Wuensdorf.
5. Observation of Soviet engineer troops in addition to the artillery troops at the Artillery Barracks, Rehagen.

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**SECRET**EAST GERMANYMILITARY/AIRMiscellaneous activities in the SPERENBERG Area (2-7 Feb 1957)

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RAIL TRANSPORTS

1. On 2 Feb 57, 4 rail flats arrived in SPERENBERG at 1430 hrs attached to a normal civilian goods train. The flats were sent along the side-line to the HEEGESEE Camp where they were unloaded. Each flat carried a tracked amphibian (pontoon-shaped, 7 bogeys and 7 return rollers). The station of origin of the flats was marked as ROSSLAU.
2. At 1430 hrs on 5 Feb 57, the following Soviet equipment passed through SPERENBERG by rail attached to a normal civilian goods train travelling from JUETERBOG to KÖNIGSWUSTERHAUSEN:

20 guns 76.2 mm FK 42;

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3. On 6 Feb 57, a rail transport passed through SPERENBERG carrying the following equipment. The train was from JUETERBOG and was travelling to ZOSSEN:

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17 AA guns 85 mm Mod 39.

4. At 1630 hrs on 6 Feb 57, a rail transport passed through SPERENBERG carrying the following equipment. The train was from JUETERBOG and was travelling to KÖNIGSWUSTERHAUSEN:

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12 tracked tractors;  
 3 cars;  
 3 jeeps;  
 2 Predictors mounted on a 4-wheeled carriage;  
 12 AA guns 100 mm.

TRAINING

5. (a) On 3 Feb 57, an inspection of troops followed by an exercise took place on the SCHUMKESEE. Troops from the camps in SPERENBERG, SCHUMKESEN and HEEGESEE took part. The area of the exercise was cordoned off and patrolled. A convoy carrying troops with black sbds was seen to arrive.

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- (b) Officers arrived for the inspection from WUENS DORF camp

- (c) An ambulance was also seen.

6. (a) On 6 Feb 57, what appeared to be an exercise took place on the former German Engineer Park. 30 W/T trucks (GAZ 51s with box-shaped bodies) could be seen. Each had a collapsible rod aerial extended to a height of 1-2 m above the rear end of the box roof. These rod aerials carried various arrays as follows:

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- (i) Broom;
- (ii) Circular basket;
- (iii) Fishnet.

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Some of the vehicles had plain whip serials.

- (b) On 8 Feb 57, what appeared to be the same vehicles were seen in KUMMERSDORF [redacted] (this area is normally used for driving instruction). The vehicles were later seen to drive through NEUHOF to WUENSDORF. [redacted]

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ARTILLERY BARRACKS REHAGEN.

7. The area of the Artillery Barracks in REHAGEN is now divided into two parts by a wooden board fence. Artillery troops are still stationed in the main barrack buildings. On 7 Feb 57, it was observed that Engineer tps were also stationed in the barracks. These Engineer tps were occupying two of the barrack blocks and the Russian children's school building on the BUSENBERG at [redacted] At the time of observation, no Engineer equipment could be seen. It is not known when the Engineer tps arrived.

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